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Rear Admiral Midgette assumed duty as the Ninth Coast Guard District Commander in June 2013. He is the senior Coast Guard commander for the five Great Lakes and Saint Lawrence Seaway, which includes 1,500 miles of international border. He leads 6,000 Coast Guard active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary men and women serving at 77 subordinate units and on the District staff.

His previous assignment was as Military Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security where he supported the Secretary in affairs relating to the coordination and execution of policy and operations between the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense.

He is a Coast Guard Cutterman, and a U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer having served over 12 years afloat in seven Coast Guard and a Navy Destroyer.

Prior assignments in the Great Lakes included duty as Chief of Staff of the Ninth Coast Guard District; Sector Commander and Captain of the Port of Detroit; and Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Cutter KATMAI BAY in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. He also served in a number of joint and liaison positions including tours on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon; with the legacy U.S. Customs Service; and as a liaison officer to U.S. Northern Command.

Rear Admiral Midgette is a native of Virginia Beach, VA and he holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (Coast Guard Academy), a Masters of Science in Management (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies (Naval War College)



A native of Rochester and a 25 year veteran of radio and television news, Maureen McGuire enjoyed success in a number of television markets before returning to her hometown in 1997. Maureen is especially pleased to work with groups and organizations that enrich her hometown community, including the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester, Lifespan, the Greater Rochester Area Partnership for the Elderly, The Notre Dame Learning Center, and Honor Flight Rochester. Maureen is a graduate of Bishop Kearney High School and Manhattanville College. She loves the arts, roller coasters, and Ireland."

Armed Forces Day Luncheon Program

Musical Prelude

198th Army Band

Sounding of Assembly

Posting of the Colors

Multi Service Color Guard
MSG Bing Reaves, United States Army - Retired

Singing of the National Anthem

Bruce Dunn, Co-Chairman - Armed Forces Luncheon Committee

Invocation

Auxilliarest Mr. Michael Bialaszewski, Ninth Coast Guard Auxiliary
Division Four Commander.

POW/MIA Remembrance

Bruce Dunn, Co-Chairman - Armed Forces Luncheon Committee
Dr. Betty Perkins-Carpenter, Korean War Veterans

Taps

In Remembrance of our Fallen Men and Women

Amazing Grace

Les Carr of The Rochester Pipers

Welcome

Major General Norbert J. Rappl, United States Army - Retired

Greetings

Honorable Maggie Brooks, County Executive, Monroe County
Honorable Lovely Warren, Mayor, City of Rochester

Cake Cutting Ceremony

Rear Admiral Fred M. Midgett
Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, U.S. Coast Guard

~ Lunch being Served ~

Honorary Chair

Maureen McGuire, Honorary Chair & News Anchor - WROC-TV8

Guest Speakers

Rear Admiral Fred M. Midgett
Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, U.S. Coast Guard

Closing Remarks

Major General Norbert J. Rappl, United States Army - Retired

Retiring of the Colors

Multi Service Color Guard

Benediction

Auxilliarest Mr. Michael Bialaszewski, Ninth Coast Guard Auxiliary
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Singing of God Bless America

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Commander Carpenter

- Graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.
- Served in the Pacific Theater during WWII
- As Commanding Officer he activated, on his final orders, the first local Coast Guard Organized Reserve Unit at Summerville.



Lt. Commander Loeser

- Graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy
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Our History New York Warrior Alliance was officially incorporated in May of 2013. It evolved out of a Military Ministry founded at Pittsford Baptist Church in Pittsford, NY. What originated as an effort to pray weekly for area deployed military members has grown into a large scale effort in supporting our Nation's Heroes through care packages, assistance to Veterans in need, supporting Wounded Warriors through our Operation Wounded Warrior program.

In 2008, Amy Tausch was contacted by her brother, LTC Jim Lechner with a request to support recently injured CWO Romulo "Romy," Camargo of the U.S. ARMY. Romy had been critically injured by a shot to his neck while on a medical mission in Afghanistan. This left him paralyzed from the neck down and fighting for his life at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Amy Tausch enlisted the support of the church with asking for donations of items to send to Romy and his wife Gabriela who was caring for him at his bedside, along with their young toddler. Amy Tausch also enlisted the support of the Chili Fire Department with a request for t-shirts to help supply the Warrior Transition Brigade at Walter Reed. This launched the first trip for, "Operation Wounded Warrior." Romy is our Charter Member and his unwavering spirit launched our inspiration to continue to support Wounded Warriors. To date, Operation Wounded Warrior has conducted 6 missions to Walter Reed with truck loads of supplies to aide the Warrior Transition Brigade and the Caregivers that stand by their Warriors.

An estimated \$70,000 in financial and merchandise donations have been raised for Wounded Warriors to date. Since 2008, fire departments throughout Monroe County have donated hundreds of their t-shirts annually to support our efforts. In 2012, the Greece American Legion Post #468 hosted a Wounded Warrior Benefit concert to benefit Operation Wounded Warrior propelled our efforts to a whole other level. At that event, the Patriot Guard Riders of New York were present and learned about Operation Wounded Warrior's program and offered to partner with us, as they shared a common belief in supporting our nation's finest. 100% of the financial donations that are received by the NYWA goes directly to the military members and their caregivers.

The Rochester, NY community is extremely generous and deeply appreciative of the U.S. Military. If you wish to send a financial donation, make a check payable to New York Warrior Alliance and mail it to 507 Thornell Road Pittsford, NY 14534. . 100% of every dollar goes directly to the wounded warriors – financial donations will not be used for administration costs or travel expenses.

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Armed Forces Day History



On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense. Each of the military leagues and orders was asked to drop sponsorship of its specific service day in order to celebrate the newly announced Armed Forces Day. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day, too.



In a speech announcing the formation of the day, President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas" and said, "It is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace." In an excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation of Feb. 27, 1950, Mr. Truman stated: "Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense."



The theme of the first Armed Forces Day was "Teamed for Defense." It was chosen as a means of expressing the unification of all the military forces under a single department of the government. Although this was the theme for the day, there were several other purposes for holding Armed Forces Day. It was a type of "educational program for civilians," one in which there would be an increased awareness of the Armed Forces. It was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job is performed and the role of the military in civilian life. It was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to the civilian population they were protecting. It was a day to honor and acknowledge the people of the Armed Forces of the United States.



According to a New York Times article published on May 17, 1952: "This is the day on which we have the welcome opportunity to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces ... to all the individuals who are in the service of their country all over the world. Armed Forces Day won't be a matter of parades and receptions for a good many of them. They will all be in line of duty and some of them may give their lives in that duty."



The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. In Washington, D.C., 10,000 troops of all branches of the military, cadets, and veterans marched past the President and his party. In Berlin, 1,000 U.S. troops paraded for the German citizens at Templehof Airfield. In New York City, an estimated 33,000 participants initiated Armed Forces Day "under an air cover of 250 military planes of all types." In the harbors across the country were the famed mothballed "battlewagons" of World War II: the Missouri, the New Jersey, the North Carolina, and the Iowa, all open for public inspection. Precision flying teams dominated the skies as tracking radar was exhibited on the ground. All across the country, the American people joined together to honor the Armed Forces.